

STATEMENT

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Disability Services (DDS) promotes the maximum independence and quality of life for people with disabilities in communities through information and access to services, supports, and fosters coordination and collaboration among government agencies.

FOR INFORMATION AND CONTACT SERVICES

*Place to call for disability
information*

Information and Referral Services

Single point of entry for all seeking disability-related information in New Jersey. Information and Referral Specialists are available to confidentially discuss issues, provide referrals, assist with problem solving, and for referrals to appropriate agencies or services. Use of a centralized database allows for calls to be tracked and information to be stored for quality assurance.

Resources

Includes *New Jersey Resources*, a comprehensive directory of programs and services available to individuals with disabilities in New Jersey. To obtain a copy, please contact DDS by email or download it from our website.

Brain Injury Fund

The purpose of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is to provide New Jersey residents who have suffered a traumatic brain injury the opportunity to receive brain injury related services and supports to live in their community. The Fund provides supports and services to foster independence and maximize quality of life. This Fund provides health insurance, personal resources and/or services that are unavailable to meet the needs of the individual. A portion of the Fund is also used for public education, outreach and prevention services related to TBI.

OFFICE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Office of Home and Community Services is responsible for the administration of three Medicaid Waiver Programs serving people with disabilities and Medicaid Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Services.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) WAIVER serves people between 18 and 64 who have an acquired brain injury. People in the program receive full Medicaid benefits plus additional services including case management, structured day program, neuropsychology, community residential services, night supervision, respite care and cognitive therapy.

AIDS Community Care Alternatives Program (ACCAP) Waiver serves people of any age with AIDS and children up to age 13 who are HIV positive. It provides full Medicaid benefits plus case management, private-duty nursing, medical day care, expanded personal care assistant services, certain narcotic and drug abuse treatments at home and hospice care.

Community Resources for People with

Disabilities (CRPD) Waiver was created by incorporating three long-standing Medicaid "Model" Waiver Programs into one larger waiver. All individuals served under this waiver must meet, at a minimum, the "nursing facility level of care," be financially eligible for Medicaid waiver coverage and require the services offered under the waiver. The waiver is open to individuals with disabilities of all ages. Individuals in the CRPD Waiver Program receive case management services, in addition to all Medicaid State Plan services. Individuals meeting specific clinical criteria can receive private duty nursing services of up to 16 hours per day.

Medicaid Personal Care Assistant Services

Personal Care Assistance (PCA) is a home care service reimbursed by the New Jersey Medicaid Program for people eligible for Medicaid who live in the community. The purpose of PCA is to accommodate long-term chronic health care as opposed to short-term health care as provided under Medicaid's Home Health Care program. PCA services are health-related tasks performed by qualified staff in an eligible individual's home or workplace. Services include assistance with activities of daily living and other duties essential to the individual's health and comfort. This program serves 20,000 Medicaid Residents per month.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Medicaid Infrastructure Grant

Through a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this project conducts a variety of activities to promote Medicaid enrollment for people with disabilities, including outreach and enrollment screening for the WorkAbility Program and the development of a five year plan to address work transition issues for people with disabilities. Funding includes the development of two Internet-based tools to provide transportation information and cost calculation assistance to individuals with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment.

Personal Assistance Services Program

PASP provides routine, non-medical assistance to adults with disabilities who are employed, seeking for employment, involved in community volunteer work or attending school. Participants help with tasks such as light housework, bathing, dressing, preparing meals, driving or using public transportation. The number of hours a person receives depends on individual need up to 40 hours per week. The participant must be capable of directing his or her

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888-285-3036**

Reference: New Jersey Cash and

ve allows Medicaid recipients with who are eligible for Medicaid PCA direct their own care. Through use of cash allowance, participants work tant to develop a cash management ch they decide the services needed viduals and/or agencies to hire to pro- identified services. The program eater consumer responsibility but ipants greater control, flexibility and

Health and Wellness Initiative

involves health promotion and pre- secondary conditions for people with In addition, the project works to ate surveillance activities, conduct motion interventions and facilitate between state and research or serv- encies.

Ramps Project

he Henry M. Kessler Foundation, this is designed to construct a limited modular ramps for individuals in unties who are unable to obtain or ployment due to the inaccessibility es.

Housing Resource Center

ing Resource Center provides to individuals seeking information e and affordable housing throughout This project was made possible partnership between the Division ty Services, the Department of Affairs and the NJ Housing nance Agency. To access the Center, njhousing.gov

Rewarding Work

This project was developed to assist both agencies and individuals with the recruitment and retention of direct care staff. To access the system, visit www.rewardingwork.org or call **888-444-1616**.

The DHS Division of Disability Services is happy to provide presentations on all of our programs and services to community groups.

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